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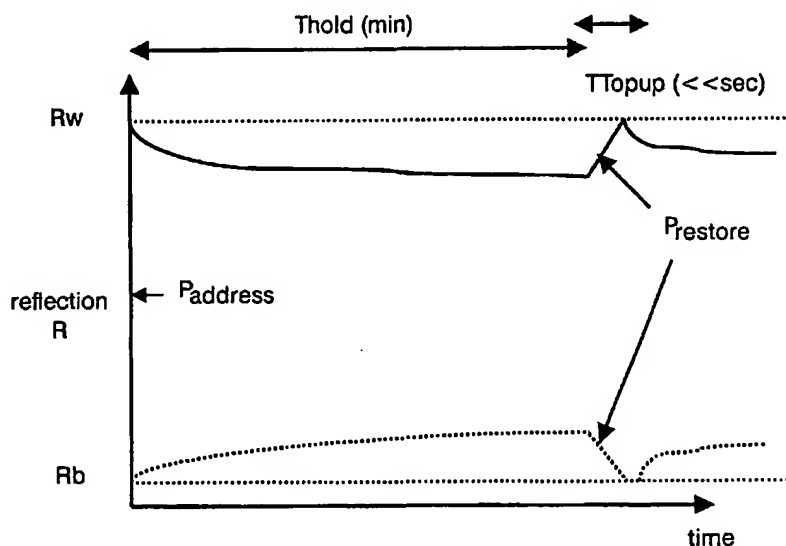
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(57) Abstract: An electrophoretic display device (1) comprising one pixel (10) with an electrophoretic medium (13), electrodes (6, 7), as well as drive means (4) by which the pixels can be brought into different optical states. Some time (thold) after the application of an addressing pulse (Paddress) for setting the brightness level (Rw, Rb) of a pixel (10), a restore pulse voltage (Prestore) is applied between the electrodes (6, 6', 7) for restoring the brightness level of a pixel to the set level (Rw, Rb). The restore pulse may be a set of consecutive pulses to bring the drifted brightness level even more smoothly (i.e. less perceivably) back to the original brightness level.

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1. Claims: 1-3

An electrophoretic display device comprising an applicator means applying, at a time after application of an addressing pulse for setting the brightness level of a pixel, a sequence of restore pulse voltages restoring the brightness level of said pixel.

2. Claims: 1,4-9

An electrophoretic display device comprising a temperature sensor which measures the ambient temperature and an applicator means applying, at a time after application of an addressing pulse for setting the brightness level of a pixel, a restore pulse voltage restoring the brightness level of said pixel, wherein the duration of time period between the addressing pulse and the restore pulse is dependent on the ambient temperature measured by the temperature sensor.

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